



The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, October 6**, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL

Living as disciples of Jesus involves being transformed into Christ's image and having our orientation transformed from that of a consumer to that of a steward. Being a trustee of God's gifts in our lives doesn't come naturally. It requires intentionality and training. This is a mysterious thing and is part of the call extended by Paul in 1 Corinthians 4:1-2. In this short text Paul uses words that carry important images from his day.

"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." (1 Cor. 4:1-2)

The word Paul uses for "servant" is especially interesting. It is a Greek word which referred to a slave who would row on the lower tier of a two-tiered war ship. Some commentators have built on this imagery and said that Jesus is the captain whose hand is at the wheel, directing the vessel, while we work with the oars that have been given to us to move the vessel forward. We are all invited to participate and "pull our weight" in the shared roles we have in moving the church forward. Each of us has our job, and Jesus desires willing and ready workers to do what needs to be done.

The other image is "steward," and here Paul uses the Greek word which refers to the chief servant in charge of a household. The chief steward controlled the staff, ordered supplies, and took care of related details, but he remained a servant nonetheless. Above all else the "steward" needed to be reliable and trustworthy. When the master would leave home and tend to other matters, he relied on his steward to care for matters until his return.

So how are we doing while the Master, Jesus, is away? What would Jesus say upon his return to our congregation after reviewing how we are working to move forward in mission and service? Are we using appropriately all that has been placed in our care?

Those are good stewardship questions. It certainly applies to our annual church budget, but it goes beyond that to our spiritually endowed gifts from God as well as our physical church building facilities. It's all apart of taking care of what God has given us for the church's mission in this world and to glorify Jesus. We are being asked to consider our faithfulness to God and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Consider how you can be a better, more faithful servant and steward of God's resources. May God continue to bless FCC so we can faithfully bless the community we are called to serve in Jesus' name.

Faithfully Yours and See You Sunday,

Pastor Cameron

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Old Testament	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Epistle	2 Timothy 2:8-15
Sermon Text	Luke 12:13-21
Sermon	"The Rich Fool"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15	Lisa Fitzgerald & Jeff Seward
10:30	Roger Sameck & Jeff Seward

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Ann Anderson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15	Carl & Carol Jones Margaret J. Vann & Nancy Waites
10:30	Marie Bittle & Beverly Cannon Brad & Pam Clasgens

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Lynn Abernathy

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Houston Webster on his first birthday by Papaw and Mamaw Williamson

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS are in honor Sheryl Stiles' birthday by Mark Stiles.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Mary Ann Anderson

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Bible story and songs

YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 3rd Sundays)

DESPERATE GRANDMOTHER

Our one year old grandson will arrive October 20 for a few days. We need to borrow something for him to use for sleeping. Help! Anyone have something we can borrow? Bev Williamson 256-783-0795 or bevibe@aol.com

SMALL MEETINGS ON THE BUILDING PROGRAM

There will be five small meetings to discuss more details on the building program and the cost options available. These meeting dates are listed below. You can come and ask your questions and go home unless you want to see what others are thinking. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

Wednesday, Oct 5, at 7 PM Family Services
Tuesday, Oct 11, at 7 PM Family Services
Monday, Oct 17, at 7 PM Family Services
Saturday, Oct. 22, at 9 AM Garden Room

CWM, THE NEAVES-DAVIS CENTER, AND YOU

The October CWM project is financial support for the Neaves-Davis Center (also known as the D-Home). The Center opened many years ago when a group of citizens (including former FCC member, Nancy Erskine) were concerned that youth in legal trouble were housed in the adult jail; a juvenile center was then built. Funds are used to purchase items such as books for the Center's library, educational games, equipment for the gymnasium, and computer programs. The average age of the 20 children typically in the Center is 15 ½ with an average stay of 17 days. Our monetary donations can help provide positive activities for the teens and expose them to alternate ways to spend their time. This is a program that is often neglected in our community and where we can make a difference.

To give, write "Neaves Center" in the note/memo line of your check and turn in to the office or place in the offering bowl. To give using PayPal, go to our website www.fcc-hsv.org and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "How to Give" under "Learn More About First Christian Church Huntsville." Scroll down and click on Donate. Type in "Neaves Center" in the "Purpose" box and follow the directions.

SHOWER FOR TWINS!

Please join Mission Family 3 as we honor Glen and Laura Hiller, expectant parents of twin girls! We will gather with the couple on October 9 after Second Service in the Commons area. If you would like to bring a gift or gift card they are registered at:

<http://babyli.st/laura-glen> and at Babies R Us

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

WHO: All are invited
WHAT: 8 session Short Term Disciple Bible Study
Invitation to Romans
WHEN: Beginning 10/11/16
Ending 12/6/16
9:00 AM or 6:00 PM
WHY: Opportunity to study God's word with the support of fellow Christians
HOW: Books available just outside the Narthex. Simply add your name to sign up sheet available there

Please contact Nancy Waites, 256-683-6192 or nancykwaites@gmail.com, for further information or with any questions. If schedule conflicts arise, both classes will be studying same session in any given week.

UNITY FESTIVAL

LATHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
1:00 - 5:00 PM

Join Latham UMC at 109 Weatherly Rd. for their **Unity Festival**, a fun event that benefits **Hands of Christ**, a fund that eases the financial suffering of those in our community that are stricken with catastrophic illness

There will be BBQ, music, a silent auction, and children's activities. The Pumpkin Patch will be open for business. Bring your own lawn chair.

The cost is \$10 a person, \$40 for a family with up to six members, and children under three are free.

Community Outreach

What a blessing to be member of such a loving, caring congregation! I thank you for your cards, calls, e-messages, visits, food and most importantly the prayers offered on my behalf during my most recent health issue.

I look forward to a complete recovery and returning to my usual schedule very soon."

Thank you,
Bobbye Riggs

GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT GRANDPARENTS RAISING CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP.

This is an informal support group of grandparents and great grandparents raising children. The group leader is Sharon Ball, R.N. The group will meet on Wednesday, October 12, from 12:30 - 1:30 at the Bailey Cove Library. For more information please email sharonlu@knology.net or Call Sharon on her cell at 256-603-9327.

ATTENDANCE	9/25	10/2
First Service Worship	48	45
Sunday School	43	36
Second Service Worship	97	100
Children's Church	5	8
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	150	153